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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about Greensboro Public Library

Greensboro (Guilford County), North Carolina

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Library Established

1902

Notable Librarians

Bettie Caldwell was Greensboro's first librarian, starting at the library in 1902.

First Bookmobile

The first bookmobile was established in 1926. It was a Dodge truck. The bookmobile was completely funded by the county's dog tax.

Important Facts

1915-- First public library south of Maryland to take books to nearby rural areas

1946-- First North Carolina public library with music room and record-lending department

1951-- First North Carolina public library with rental art collection

1957-- Library integrated to serve all users regardless of race

1970s-- First U.S. library to hire liaison for providing information to city and county government officials

1978-- First North Carolina public library to pay guidance counselor from municipal funds